

APPENDIX I

Grantee's Comments on Draft Report



**Legal Services of
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Re: Legal Services of Northwest Ohio
Recipient No. 436183

Dear Mr. Koczur:

I write to confirm receipt of the Office of Inspector General's draft audit report regarding Legal Services of Northwest Ohio (LSNO). We are in agreement with the report submitted by the audit team.

With regard to the cases handled through LSNO's Private Attorney Involvement Program in Wood County, I would note that we have found nothing to suggest that the 32 clients referred through that program in 2001 were not eligible for LSC funded services pursuant to Part 1626. Based on our experience in representing Wood County clients, we believe all of these clients most likely were eligible pursuant to Part 1626. As noted in the report, we have taken steps, however, to ensure that Part 1626 eligibility is properly documented.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this response. The Board, staff, and clients of LSNO thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Mulder
Executive Director